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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2007. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Further, the Patent Office rejected Claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,334,218 to Johnson; rejected Claims 37, 38, 40 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,620,011 to Flowers; rejected Claims 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,666,974 to Hiro; and rejected Claims 37, 38, 41 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,448,738 to Berghash. Still further, the Patent Office rejected Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,669,117 to Herbst. Moreover, the Patent Office objected to Claims 3, 27 and 39 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By the present Amendment, Applicant canceled Claims 1-6, 27 and 37-42 and added Claims 47-49. Applicant asserts that the amendments to the claims and the remarks that follow overcome the objection and rejections made by the Patent Office and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Patent Office allowed Claims 7-26, 28-36 and 43-46 and indicated that Claims 3, 27 and 39 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, Applicant added new Claims 47-49 incorporating the elements of dependent Claim 3 with independent Claim 1, dependent Claim 27 with independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 39 with independent Claim 37, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new Claims 47-49 are in allowable form.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Further, Applicant submits that neither further search nor consideration would be necessitated by entry of this Amendment. Therefore, entry of this Amendment is proper and should be effected. If, however, any outstanding issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicant requests the Patent Office to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

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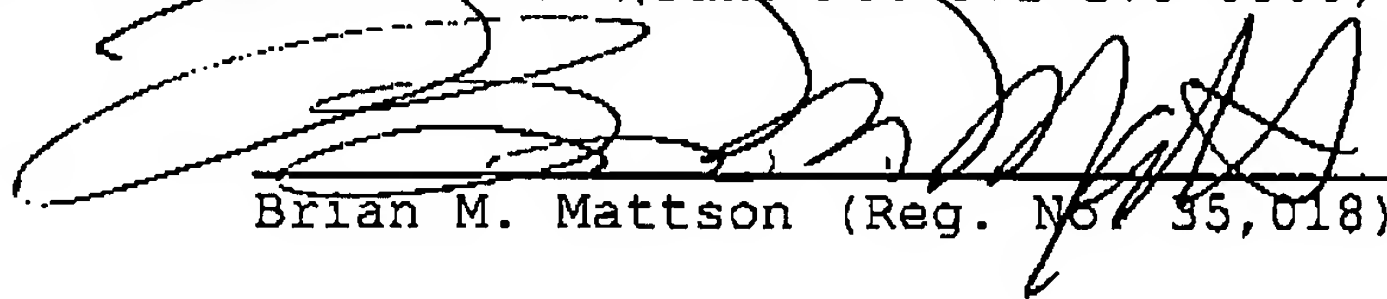


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I hereby certify that this **Amendment After Final and Transmittal (in duplicate)** are being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. 571-273-8300) on May 1, 2007.



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